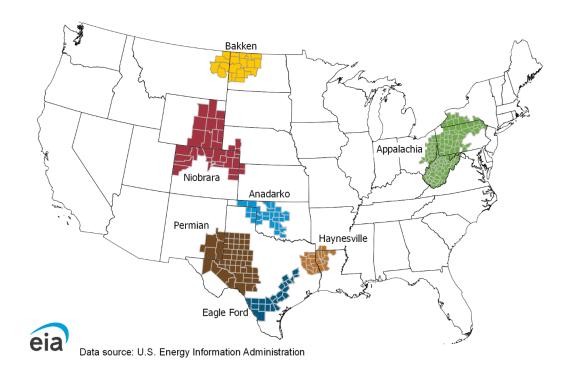


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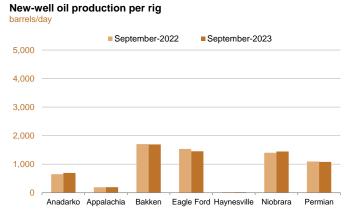


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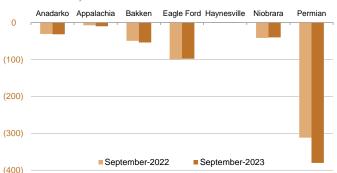
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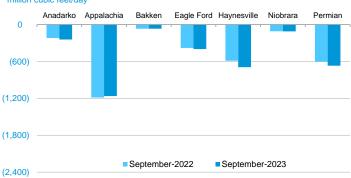
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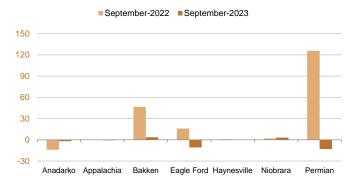
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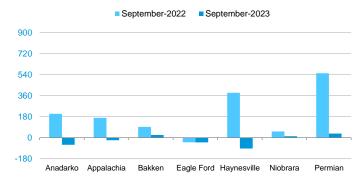
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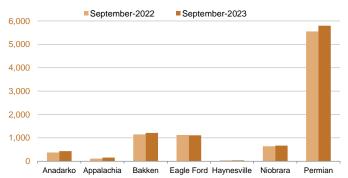
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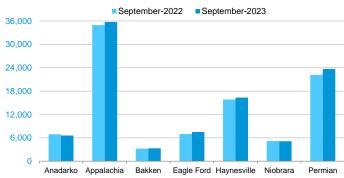
### Oil production

thousand barrels



### Natural gas production

million cubic feet/day





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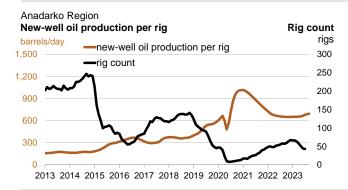
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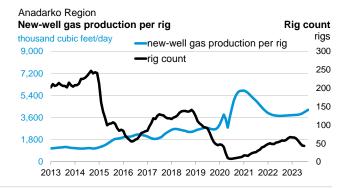


693 September 686 August Monthly additions from one average rig

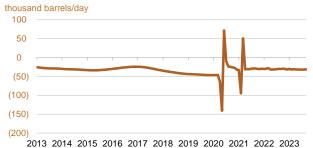
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August 4,132
thousand cubic feet/day



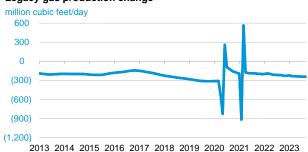




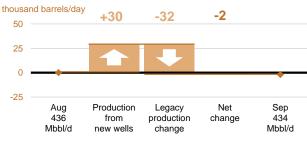
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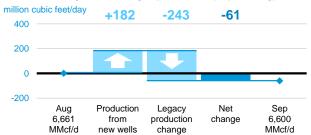
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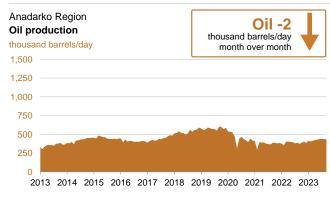


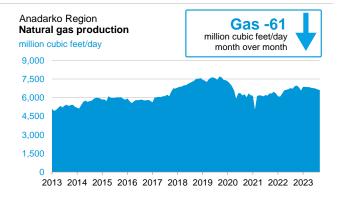
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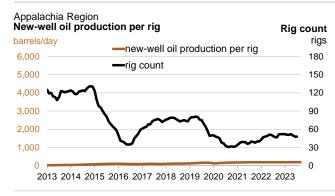
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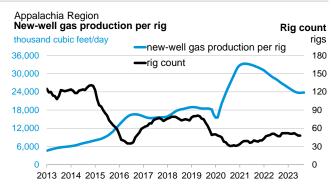


193 September 193 August barrels/day Monthly additions from one average rig

September 23,770
August 23,734
thousand cubic feet/day



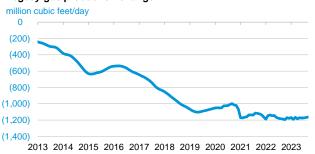




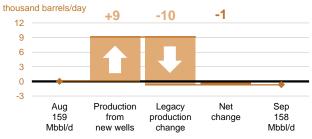
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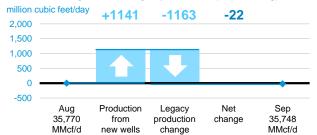
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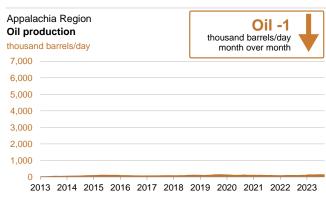


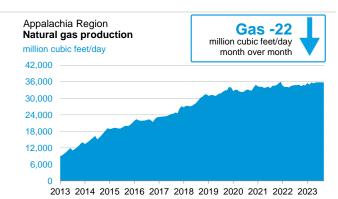
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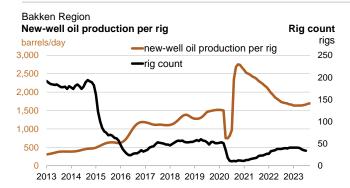


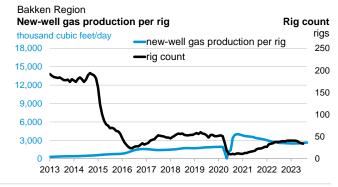
1,694 1,686

September August Monthly additions from one average rig

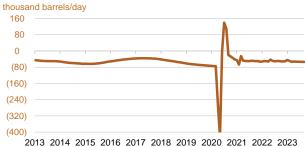
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August 2,618
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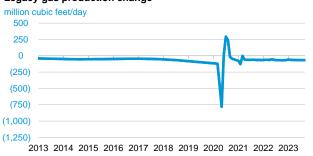




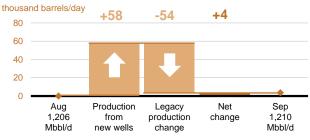
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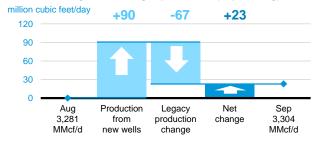
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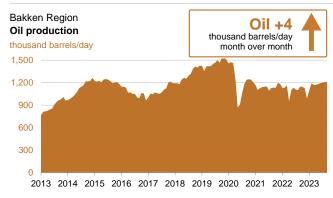


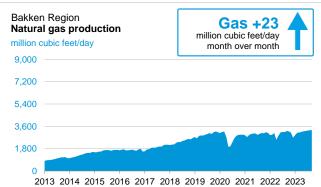
# Bakken Region Indicated change in oil production (Sep vs. Aug)



# Bakken Region Indicated change in natural gas production (Sep vs. Aug)









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Eagle Ford Region

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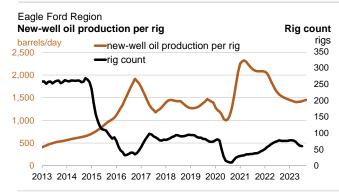
1,453 September 1,439 August

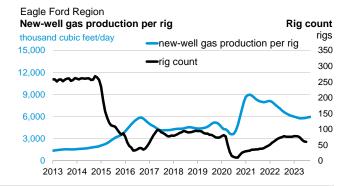
Monthly additions from one average rig

September 5,955

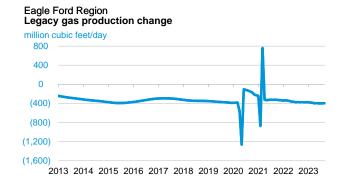
August 5,896
thousand cubic feet/day

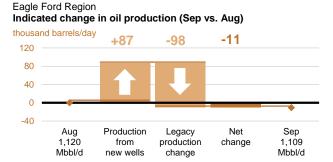




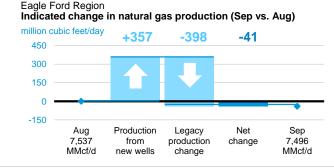


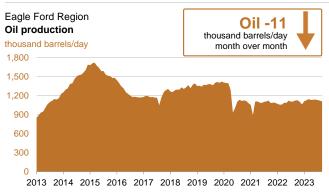
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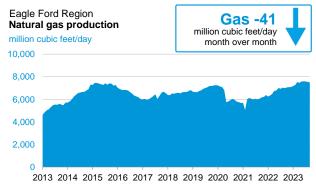




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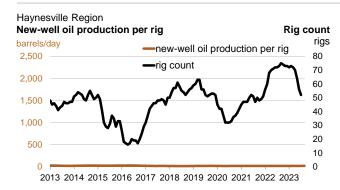


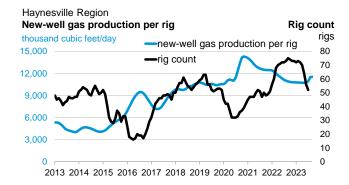
19 September19 Augustbarrels/day

Monthly additions from one average rig

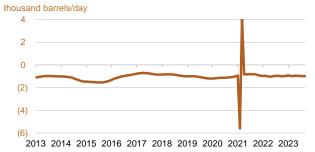
September 11,541
August 11,484
thousand cubic feet/day



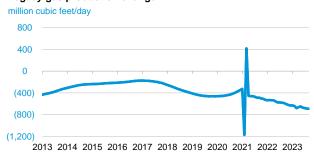




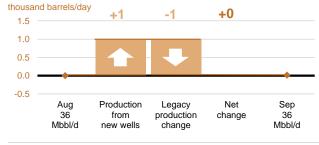
### Haynesville Region Legacy oil production change



### Haynesville Region Legacy gas production change

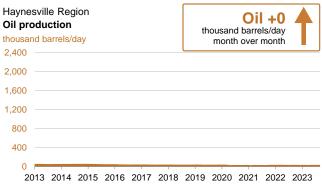


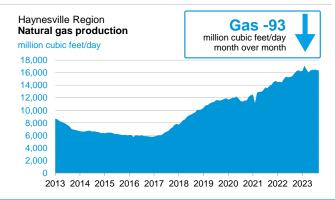
# Haynesville Region Indicated change in oil production (Sep vs. Aug)



# Haynesville Region Indicated change in natural gas production (Sep vs. Aug)







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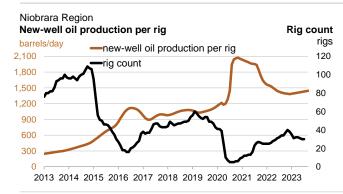


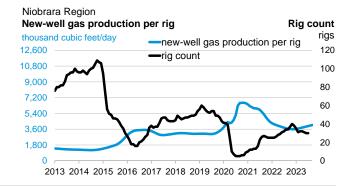
1,444 September 1,437 August

Monthly additions from one average rig

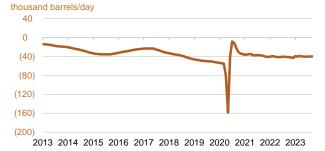
September 4,074
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thousand cubic feet/day



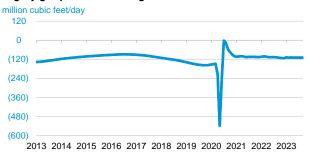




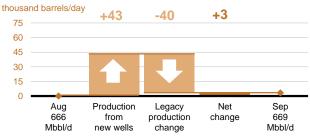
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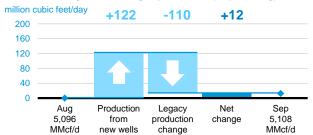
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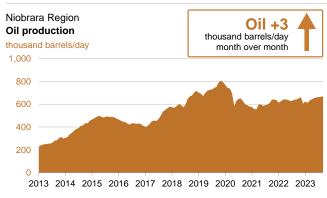


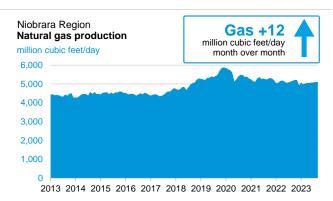
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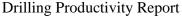
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drilling data through July projected production through September



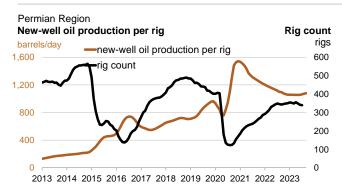
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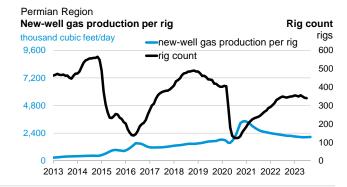
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Monthly additions from one average rig

2,067 September thousand cubic feet/day

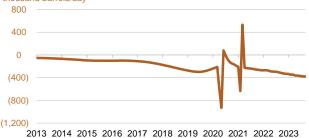


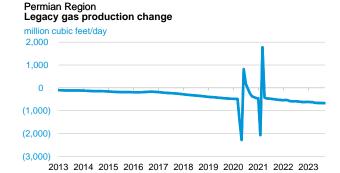




# Legacy oil production change thousand barrels/day 800

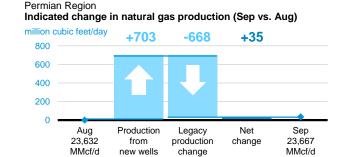
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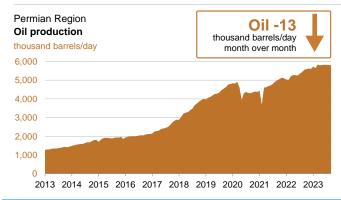


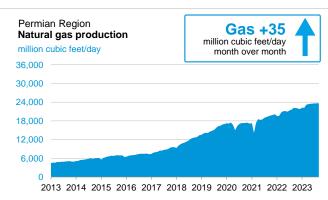


# Permian Region Indicated change in oil production (Sep vs. Aug)











# Explanatory notes

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**Drilling Productivity Report** 

The Drilling Productivity Report uses recent data on the total number of drilling rigs in operation along with estimates of drilling productivity and estimated changes in production from existing oil and natural gas wells to provide estimated changes in oil<sup>1</sup> and natural gas<sup>2</sup> production for seven key regions. EIA's approach does not distinguish between oil-directed rigs and gas-directed rigs because once a well is completed it may produce both oil and gas; more than half of the wells do that.

# Monthly additions from one average rig

Monthly additions from one average rig represent EIA's estimate of an average rig's<sup>3</sup> contribution to production of oil and natural gas from new wells.<sup>4</sup> The estimation of new-well production per rig uses several months of recent historical data on total production from new wells for each field divided by the region's monthly rig count, lagged by two months.<sup>5</sup> Current- and next-month values are listed on the top header. The month-over-month change is listed alongside, with +/- signs and color-coded arrows to highlight the growth or decline in oil (brown) or natural gas (blue).

# New-well oil/gas production per rig

Charts present historical estimated monthly additions from one average rig coupled with the number of total drilling rigs as reported by Baker Hughes.

# Legacy oil and natural gas production change

Charts present EIA's estimates of total oil and gas production changes from all the wells other than the new wells. The trend is dominated by the well depletion rates, but other circumstances can influence the direction of the change. For example, well freeze-offs or hurricanes can cause production to significantly decline in any given month, resulting in a production increase the next month when production simply returns to normal levels.

# Projected change in monthly oil/gas production

Charts present the combined effects of new-well production and changes to legacy production. Total new-well production is offset by the anticipated change in legacy production to derive the net change in production. The estimated change in production does not reflect external circumstances that can affect the actual rates, such as infrastructure constraints, bad weather, or shut-ins based on environmental or economic issues.

### Oil/gas production

Charts present all oil and natural gas production from both new and legacy wells since 2007. This production is based on all wells reported to the state oil and gas agencies. Where state data are not immediately available, EIA estimates the production based on estimated changes in new-well oil/gas production and the corresponding legacy change.

### Footnotes:

- 1. Oil production represents both crude and condensate production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to tight formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of tight oil formations.
- 2. Gas production represents gross (before processing) gas production from all formations in the region. Production is not limited to shale formations. The regions are defined by all selected counties, which include areas outside of shale formations.
- The monthly average rig count used in this report is calculated from weekly data on total oil and gas rigs reported by Baker Hughes.

wells beginning production in a given month is the count of rigs in operation two months earlier.

4. A new well is defined as one that began producing for the first time in the previous month. Each well belongs to the new-well category for only one month. Reworked and recompleted wells are excluded from the calculation.

5. Rig count data lag production data because EIA has observed that the best predictor of the number of new



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# **Drilling Productivity Report**

The data used in the preparation of this report come from the following sources. EIA is solely responsible for the analysis, calculations, and conclusions.

**Drilling Info** (http://www.drillinginfo.com) Source of production, permit, and spud data for counties associated with this report. Source of real-time rig location to estimate new wells spudded and completed throughout the United States.

Baker Hughes (http://www.bakerhughes.com) Source of rig and well counts by county, state, and basin.

**North Dakota Oil and Gas Division** (https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in North Dakota

Railroad Commission of Texas (http://www.rrc.state.tx.us) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Texas

# Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

(https://www.paoilandgasreporting.state.pa.us/publicreports/Modules/Welcome/Welcome.aspx) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Pennsylvania

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (http://www.dep.wv.gov/oil-and-gas/Pages/default.aspx) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in West Virginia

**Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission** (http://cogcc.state.co.us) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Colorado

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**Oklahoma Corporation Commission** (http://www.occeweb.com/og/oghome.htm) Source of well production, permit, and completion data in the counties associated with this report in Oklahoma